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ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECT

REFS: A. MANILA A-244 DTD OCT 14, 1977, B. MANILA 11182
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1. GOP IS CONSIDERING SETTING UP A NEWSPRINT PLANT AS ITS ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECT INSTEAD OF THE SUPERHOSPHATE FERTILIZER PLANT AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY SECRETARY OF FINANCE VIRATA IN A PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 18.THE NEWSPRINT PLANT HAS STILL TO BE ACCEPTED AS A REGIONAL PROJECT BY THE FOUR OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES. AS REPORTED REFAIR, INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE NATIONAL NESPRINT PROJECTS UNDER STUDY. HOWEVER, VIRATA IS CITED IN PRESS REPORTS AS HAVING SAID THE PHILIPPINE PLAN HAS BEEN INFORMALLY DISCUSSED IN THE ASEAN COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY AND THERE APPEARS TO BE NO
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OPPOSITION. THE PLANT, IF UNDERTAKEN, WILL COST ROUGHLY $250 MILLION AHD HAVE A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 1,000 TONS OF NEWSPRINT PER DAY.

2. VIRATA ALSO NOTED THAT THE SUPERHOSPHATE PROJECT "DOES NOT APPEAR PROFITABLE". THIS HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN (REFTELS B AND C), BUT THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY A

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GOP OFFICIAL THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING SCRAPPING THE SUPER-
PHOSPHATE PROJECT AS AN ASEAN PROJECT. VIRATA NOTED THAT
THE GOP WILL TRY TO INCORPORATE AN AMMONIUM SULPHATE PLANT
INTO THE GOVERNMENT-INITIATED COPPER SMELTER PROJECT TO
UTILIZE THE 300,000 TONS OF SULPHURIC ACID WHICH WILL BE
PRODUCED ANNUALLY AS A SMELTER BY-PRODUCT (THIS POSSIBILITY
WAS REPORTED REFTEL C).
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